## 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 AT TACOMA 10 BRIAN J. NIEDERMIER, 11 CASE NO. C07-5224BHS Plaintiff, 12 ORDER v. 13 MICHAEL ASTRUE, Commissioner of 14 Social Security, 15 Defendant. 16 17 The matter is before the court due to the fact that plaintiff has not filed an opening brief 18 as directed by the court. 19 On January 6, 2009, Defendant filed the administrative record in this matter, and on 20 January 14, 2009, the court issued a scheduling order, directing Plaintiff to file his opening brief 21 on or before February 12, 2009. Plaintiff failed to file the brief, and the court issued an 22 amended briefing schedule extending the deadline for the opening brief to April 13, 2009. To 23 24 date, the clerk of the court has not received any pleadings from plaintiff. 25 It may be that Plaintiff has not received the court's previous scheduling orders, as it is 26

unclear whether or not Plaintiff, who is proceeding without the aid of counsel, is able to receive

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notice and service of the court orders through the CM/ECF system. Accordingly, plaintiff shall be provided one last opportunity to file an opening brief. If an opening brief is not filed on or before June 22, the court will recommend dismissal of the matter for failure to prosecute

The clerk is directed to send a copy of this order to Plaintiff.

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2009.

J. Richard Creatura

United States Magistrate Judge